

Children & Young People Sub-Committee

The below table sets out the working version of the Children & Young People Sub-Committee work programme. The items have been scheduled following discussion with officers and may be subject to change depending on any new emerging priorities taking precedent.

Meeting Date	Item	Scope	Directorate & Lead Officer
16 July 2024	Cabinet Paper - Local Government & Social Care Ombudsman Decision Finding of Fault Causing Injustice and Action Plan to Prevent Reoccurrence	To receive the relevant action plan and ensure the lessons learned from this and the previous complaint are 'embedded'. The Sub-Committee should monitor the implementation of the Council's action plan.	Children, Young People & Education Debbie Jones
	Youth Justice Plan 24/25	The Youth Justice Plan 24/25 forms a part of the Council's Budget and Policy Framework, and as such it is required that Scrutiny have not less than four weeks to respond to the initial proposals. The Children & Young People Sub-Committee Scrutiny Sub-Committee has asked to review the Youth Justice Plan with a view to considering whether there are any concerns that should be raised or recommendations that should be made.	Children, Young People & Education Róisín Madden

10 September 2024	Croydon Safeguarding Children Partnership - Annual Report 2023-24	<p>The Children & Young People Sub-Committee is asked to: -</p> <p>Note the Croydon Safeguarding Children Partnership Annual Report 2023-2024</p> <p>Consider whether there are any concerns it may wish to raise as to whether the Annual Report provides sufficient reassurance on the performance and effectiveness of the Croydon Safeguarding Children Partnership.</p> <p>Consider whether the Sub-Committee has any comments or suggestions on the Croydon Safeguarding Children Partnership Annual Report 2024-2025 ahead of its development in the following year.</p>	<p>Children, Young People & Education</p> <p>Donna Swirski</p>
	Children Social Care Transformation	To receive an update on the Childrens transformation, including an update on the outcomes from the diagnostic work of the Council's delivery partner.	<p>Children, Young People & Education</p> <p>Róisín Madden</p>
	Family Hubs Transformation Programme update	For the Sub-Committee to receive an update concerning the Family Hubs Transformation Programme.	<p>Children, Young People & Education</p> <p>Shelley Davies</p>
20 January 2025	Budget Scrutiny Challenge	<p>The Children & Young People Sub-Committee is asked to review the information provided on identified budget proposals and reach a conclusion on the following:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Are the savings deliverable, sustainable and not an unacceptable risk. 2. Is the impact on service users and the wider community understood. 	<p>Children, Young People & Education</p> <p>Debbie Jones</p>

		3. Have all reasonable alternative options been explored and do no better options exist.	
	Cabinet Report - Education Estates Strategy	For the Sub-Committee to consider whether there are any considerations or concerns it may wish to submit to the Cabinet during its consideration of the Strategy.	Children, Young People & Education Shelley Davies
18 March 2025	Update on Health Visiting	To receive an update on Antenatal and Health Visiting on the KPI trends since the last update in March 2024, as well as information on changes and improvements in the service.	Children, Young People, Education and Health Croydon Health Services/Kerry Crichlow
	Education Standards 2024	For the Sub-Committee to receive the summarised performance of children and young people in Croydon schools for the academic year 23/24.	Children, Young People & Education Shelley Davies

Standing Items:

Early Help, Children's Social Care and Education Dashboard & Health Visiting KPI Data - To receive the Early Help, Children's Social Care and Education Dashboard and quarterly Health Visiting KPI Data.

Items of Interest

The following items haven't been scheduled into the work programme but are highlighted as potential items of interest to be scheduled during the year ahead.

Unallocated Items	Notes
Recruitment and Retention	<p>To review Staff Caseloads, AYSE Caseload Sharing and the number of supervisions carried out.</p> <p>To receive a breakdown of vacancies and caseloads by individual teams and to look at London Councils best practise for recruitment and retention.</p> <p>To undertake direct engagement with social workers</p> <p>To look at how feedback from exit interviews can be incorporated into retention strategies</p>
Apprenticeships & Youth Unemployment	To look at the offer of available apprenticeships in the borough and data on youth unemployment.
OFSTED Inspection	To review the outcome from the OFSTED inspection as and when they are available.
Delivery of Early Years Strategy	To review the delivery and implementation plan of the Early Years Strategy
SEND Strategy	To review the implementation of the SEND Strategy
Surplus Schools Places	To review the Surplus Schools Places report
Free School Meal offer in Croydon	To scrutinise the provision of free school meals in the borough through the Mayor of London scheme.
Cabinet Report – Maintained Nursery Schools	To conduct pre-decision scrutiny on the next Cabinet Report on Maintained Nursery Schools, following officers' consideration of sustainable future models.